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### **REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to provide antecedent basis in the specification for claim 5. Claim 5 recites that the force-producing means comprise a retractable cable or belt coupled to the lift cage. While this aspect of the invention is set forth in the specification at Page 4, line 7, the referenced structure is not disclosed in the drawings as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The present Preliminary Amendment offers a revised Figure 1 in which a retractable belt cable or belt is shown (in red), along with a minor amendment to the specification adding a reference numeral for the belt as shown in the figure.

The proposed amendment adds no new matter to the application. Entry of the Amendment is solicited.

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### Amended Paragraph (with underlining)

For producing the additional force K there can be provided, instead of the cable pull 25, a cable or belt 43 which is arranged at the lift cage 2 and preferably anchored in the shaft pit 20 and which in the operational case can be unrolled and extended by the upward movement of the lift cage 2 and rolled up and retracted by the downward movement of the lift cage 2. In the case of weight equalization between the lift cage 2 together with the lift passengers and the counterweight 4, one person releases the brake of the drive unit 6 and a further person climbs into the shaft pit 20 and draws the lift cage 2 by means of the cable or belt to the second-uppermost story. This procedure is suitable particularly for smaller lift installations with smaller lift cages. The cable or belt can be arranged at the counterweight 4 instead of at the lift cage 2. The lift cage 2 is then drawn to the next-higher story.

Fig. 1

